



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Marc Elias  
Kate Sawyer Keane  
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Washington, DC 20005

RE: MUR 6215 (Friends for Harry Reid and  
Claude Zobell, in his official capacity as  
Treasurer)

Dear Mr. Elias and Ms. Keane:

I am writing in response to your letter dated September 23, 2010, wherein you request copies of information in the Commission's possession indicating that Friends for Harry Reid and Claude Zobell, in his official capacity as Treasurer ("Reid Committee"), may have violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b, which prohibits knowing acceptance or receipt of corporate contributions. At this stage in the enforcement process, you are not entitled to the materials you have requested. Further, production of some of the requested material, insofar as it relates to other respondents who have not authorized the Commission to make public the material, is precluded by 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12). In order to provide the Reid Committee with notice and an opportunity to respond, however, we described the pertinent information in a letter from Roy Q. Luckett dated August 17, 2010.

As stated in that letter, the information in the Commission's possession suggests that Tate Snyder Kimsey Architects ("TSKA") used corporate resources to produce invitations to a fundraiser it hosted on February 17, 2009, oversee the guest list for the fundraiser, arrange for a photographer, and work with the catering vendor, Wolfgang Puck Café in Las Vegas, and that Reid Committee staff Christopher Anderson and Megan Jones affirmatively requested that TSKA personnel solicit individuals not within the restricted class and assist in collecting outstanding contributions. In addition, the Reid Committee apparently agreed to reimburse TSKA for the \$1,615.39 in catering costs rather than making an advance payment and failed to pay the costs associated with the fundraising invitations.

The Reid Committee has been given notice and an opportunity to provide factual or legal materials for consideration by the Office of General Counsel in making a recommendation to the Commission as to whether there is reason to believe the Reid Committee violated the Act. In the absence of any submission from you, the General Counsel's Office will proceed to present its recommendations to the Commission.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracey L. Ligon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tracey L. Ligon  
Attorney

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